

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit this Preliminary Amendment for entry and consideration in the above-identified case.

In this Preliminary Amendment, applicants have canceled Claims 1-20 without prejudice, and submit a new sole independent Claim 21. New Claim 21 (and steps a)-d) in particular) includes subject matter directed to the self-organizing processing described in FIGs. 2-4 and the related description found in the present application in support thereof.

The limitations as found in step e) for locating a requested file can be found in the present specification, e.g., in the paragraph bridging pages 13 and 14.

The submission of new Claim 21 and claim cancellations are only for facilitating prosecution of this application and applicants are not conceding in this application that those canceled claims are not patentable. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications.

Should the Examiner believe a telephone conference might expedite prosecution of this case, it is respectfully requested that he call applicant's attorney at (516) 742-4343.

Respectfully submitted,



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